



## FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of: **INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

### **Indications**

To outline paramedic care and management of the patient with known or suspected infectious disease. Infectious diseases include but are not limited to:

- Influenza of any Type
- The Common Cold
- Strep Throat
- Respiratory Infections of Unknown Origin
- Hepatitis
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Staphylococcus
- Sepsis
- Bacterial Meningitis
- Viral Meningitis
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's) of any Type
- Human Immune Virus (HIV)
- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- West Nile Virus
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus
- Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

### **Signs & Symptoms**

Non-specific signs and symptoms of these infections may include but are not limited to:

- Headache
- Runny Nose
- Tearing Eyes
- Sore Throat
- Chills
- Pyrexia
- Dyspnea
- Tachycardia
- Tachypnea
- Congestion
- Nausea & Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Weakness
- Muscle Weakness
- Generalized Body Aches
- Loss of Appetite

### **Procedure**

1. Don appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include respiratory protection as needed.
2. FLWEMS personnel should practice exceptional hand washing/sanitizing techniques.
3. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
4. Provide only those invasive procedures that are absolutely necessary for the acute care of the ill. FLWEMS should perform invasive procedures that may increase the risk of cross contamination unless critical to the patient's specific care needs.
5. When possible, utilize air purification, circulation and/or vacuum system.
6. Make pre-transport vehicle protection precautions as needed, i.e. plastic drops, seal cabinets and compartments, etc.
7. Transport to the appropriate Emergency Department.
8. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.
9. Assure that receiving facility has taken the proper precautions prior to bringing the patient in to the medical facility.
10. Decontaminate FLWEMS vehicles and equipments utilizing a diluted 5% bleach solution.

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**CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations**

None

**Triage Considerations**

None

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